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The Year of the Tiger

Just a few years ago, conservationists widely believed that the future of tigers in the wild was secure. The realization that it was not—that instead tiger numbers were declining precipitously—shook the conservation community and, briefly, became front page news.

The culprits in this decline were not new: continued poaching and trade in tiger parts; loss of habitat with enough prey to support a large carnivore; indifference to the tiger's needs or even animosity toward them where they live in the wild; and ignorance. What we learned is that saving the tiger, or any species, is not a battle to be won once and forever, but a continual process of holding old threats in check and preventing new ones from emerging as conditions change.

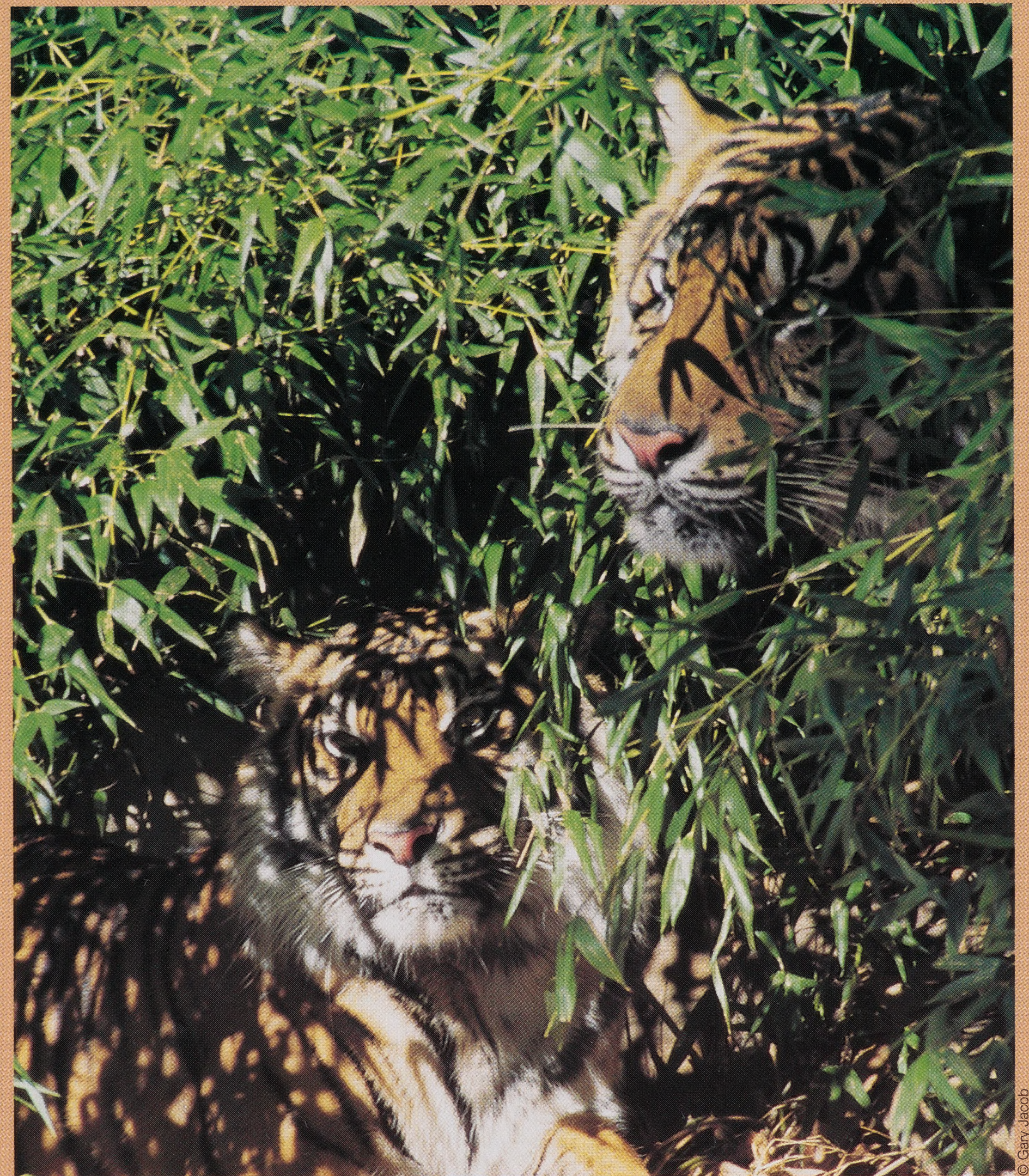
Conservation biologists are now attacking these problems with renewed vigor and urgency. New efforts to stop poaching and stem the trade in tiger parts, programs to make tigers valuable to the people who live among them, and improved protection are already helping to break the tiger's fall toward extinction.

Here at the National Zoo, the focus is on education, highlighted by the opening in the spring of 1998 of a new educational exhibit about tigers on Lion/Tiger Hill. In support of this, FONZ will celebrate tigers at its 1998 National ZooFari fundraiser. We will also be writing about tigers in our publications, and, as you can see, we are featuring tigers and their relatives in this 1998 calendar.

Why is education so important? As Zoo Curator of Mammals John Seidensticker says, "An information and education program is a high priority. The public must be a partner in saving the tiger because it is the public who supports the legal framework that protects the tiger and it is the public who foots much of the bill."

Moreover, education is one way in which everyone who cares about tigers can participate. As you learn about tigers this year, by visiting the new exhibit and reading about their plight, spread the word among your family and friends. You can be an ambassador for tigers, and help to save them before it is too late.

—*Susan Lumpkin*



Sumatran Tiger (Panthera tigris sumatrae)

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Snow Leopard (Uncia uncia)

JANUARY

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DECEMBER

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● Last Quarter

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New Year's Day

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● First Quarter

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○ Full Moon

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● Last Quarter

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Martin Luther King, Jr.'s
Birthday (observed)

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● New Moon

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Chinese New Year—
Year of the Tiger begins



Ocelot (Leopardus pardalis)



FEBRUARY

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☾ First Quarter

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Black History Month begins

Groundhog Day

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☾ Full Moon

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Lincoln's Birthday

Valentine's Day

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Presidents' Day

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☾ New Moon

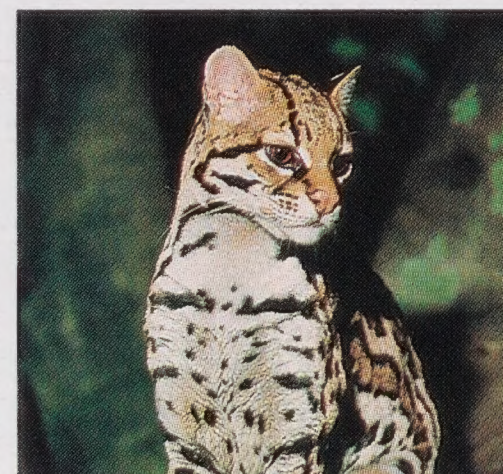
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Washington's Birthday

Ash Wednesday



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Puma (Puma concolor)



MARCH

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● First Quarter

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FONZ spring class
season begins
Women's History Month begins

National Zoological
Park established, 1889

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● Last Quarter

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St. Patrick's Day

Vernal Equinox—
First Day of Spring

Seal Days

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● New Moon

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Seal Days

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Leopara (Panthera pardus)



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April Fool's Day

Palm Sunday
Daylight Savings Time begins
2 a.m. ("spring forward" 1 hour)

African-American Family
Celebration at the Zoo

FONZ founded, 1958
Good Friday
Passover begins at sundown

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Sumatran Tiger (Panthera tigris sumatrae)

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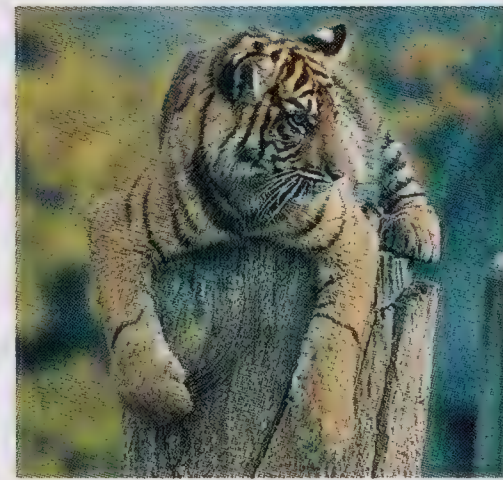
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Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month begins

☾ First Quarter

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☉ Full Moon

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ZooFari for Kids

Mother's Day

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☾ Last Quarter

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ZooFari — Tigers!

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Armed Forces Day

24/31

☾ New Moon

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Memorial Day (observed)

Serval (Leptailurus serval)



JUNE

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Friday

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☾ First Quarter

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☾ Full Moon

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Children's Day

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☾ Last Quarter

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Zoo Night

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Flag Day

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☾ New Moon

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Father's Day
Summer Solstice—
First Day of Summer

28

Summer Safari begins

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Sunset Serenades

Zoo Night

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Leopard Cat (Prionailurus bengalensis)

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FONZ Summer Camp begins

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☾ Last Quarter

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☾ New Moon

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Sunset Serenades

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☾ First Quarter

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Independence Day

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Sunset Serenades

Clouded Leopard (Neofelis nebulosa)



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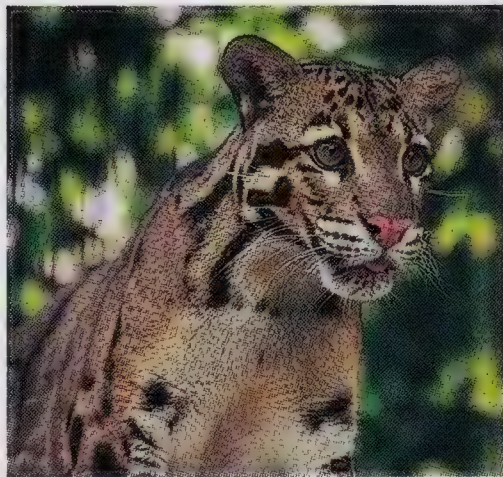
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Sunset Serenades

Last Quarter

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New Moon

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First Quarter—30th

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Lion (Panthera leo)



SEPTEMBER

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Full Moon 6

Last Quarter 13

New Moon 20

FONZ Wildlife Art Festival
Rosh Hashanah
begins at sundown

Fiesta Musical

7

Labor Day 14

21

First Quarter 28

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FONZ fall class season begins
8

15

Hispanic Heritage Month
begins 22

29

Yom Kippur begins at sundown

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Autumnal Equinox—
First Day of Autumn

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FONZ Wildlife Art Festival
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Fiesta Musical

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Cheetah (Acinonyx jubatus)



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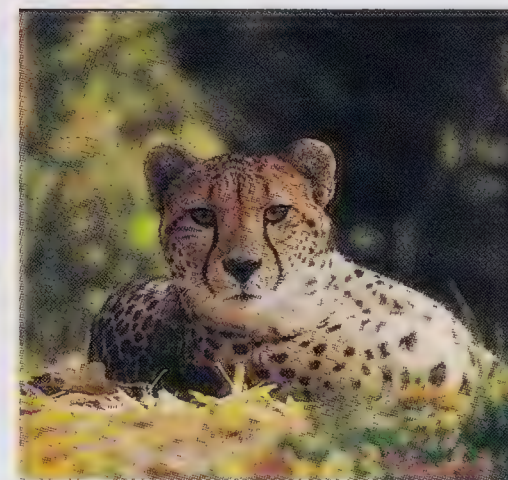
Full Moon

Last Quarter

Columbus Day (observed)

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New Moon

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First Quarter

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Be a FONZ Month

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FONZ Annual Meeting and Zoo-by-night Tour

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Daylight Savings Time ends
2 a.m. ("fall back" 1 hour)

Halloween

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Bobcat (Lynx rufus)



NOVEMBER

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American Indian Heritage
Month begins

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Election Day

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Veteran's Day

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● New Moon

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● First Quarter

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Thanksgiving Day

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Jaguarundi (Herpailurus yagouaroundi)

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FONZ winter class season begins

National Zoo's Conservation and Research Center established, 1973

Congress enacted Endangered Species Act, 1973

New Year's Eve

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Siberian Tiger (Panthera tigris altaica)

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